

THE GREEN SAPOTE (ACHRADELPHA VIRIDIS (PITTIER) O. F. COOK), S. P. I. NOS. 38478 TO 38481.

A Guatemalan fruit much superior to and hardier than the true sapote (Achradelpha mammosa) and much more likely to be of value in the United States. The tree is large and vigorous, with dense, handsome, deep-green foliage, not unlike the magnolia. The fruit is of good texture and flavor, and most nearly resembles a good Japanese persimmon, but with no trace of astringency. The taste is like that of the sapodilla (Achras zapota), but the fruit does not soften so much with maturity and the flesh is not granular like that of the sapodilla. (Photographed at Coban, Guatemala, by O. F. Cook, May 19, 1914; natural size; P16479CA.)